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TO: File

FROM: Paul Baker, Senior Reclamation Biologist 

SUBJECT: Site Inspection, Bedrock Stone, Bacon Rock Quarry, S/037/101, San Juan County, Utah

Date of Inspection: March 19, 2004
Time of Inspection: About 10:05-10:15 a.m.
Conditions: Mostly clear, 60's
Participants: Paul Baker, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection:

I was in the area and wanted to see how vegetation was progressing.

Observations:

This site was reclaimed in 2003, but the Division did not release it because there was not yet adequate vegetation and because three growing seasons had not elapsed since the last seeding. The site has been well contoured and has a lot of rock on the surface. There are no erosion problems nor do I anticipate any.

The site is shown on Photos 1, 2, and 3. These pictures do not show much vegetation, but there are a lot of small seedlings that do not show up well in the pictures. Vegetation is spotty but progressing. With two more seasons of reasonable precipitation, I anticipate it will be possible to release the site in the fall of 2005.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

No remedial action is necessary. The Division and the operator just need to wait for the vegetation to progress to where the site meets release criteria.

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cc: Ted McDougall, Monticello BLM
Eldon Virgil, Bedrock Stone

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ATTACHMENT

Photographs

S/037/101, Bacon Rock Quarry, Bedrock Stone

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Photo 1. Note the amount of rock on the surface. This area is unlikely to have erosion problems.



Photo 3.



Photo 2. There is quite a bit more vegetation than is visible in this photo.